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I do not believe that the settlement you have made will be enough of a deterrent to keep Microsoft on the right side of the law in their business practices.

At the very least you should make it mandatory that all offences found by your 3 member oversight committee should be published publicly for anyone to review.

I am in favor of the revised document submitted by the non-settling states. While I do not believe that all the measures will in that document would ever be implemented and some may well not be completely necessary, I believe that it is a more realistic approach to ensuring that Microsoft does not use its position in the computer industry to force their software on consumers. Microsoft has the resources at its disposal to make products that should be able to compete without any bullying or ant-competitive practices.

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